

REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS IN SERBIA

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Regulatory developments in Serbia #1

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2020 POWER SYSTEM AND ANCILLARY SERVICES CHARGES ESTABLISHED

In line with the Energy Law (“Official Gazette of RS”, No. 145/14), on **January 23, 2020**, the Council of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia has **adopted a Decision on 2020 Power System and Ancillary Services Charges**.

This Decision **sets charges of capacity reserve for system services**, i.e. **secondary and tertiary control** which are necessary for the provision of secure, reliable and stable operations of the power system, i.e. for frequency regulation and exchange capacity, as well as **ancillary services for the regulation of voltage and reactive power and the price of black start**.

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CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO GASTRANS LLC AS TO INDEPENDENT NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION OPERATOR

On the session of **February 21, 2020**, the Council of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia has **adopted a Decision on the issuance of the certificate to GASTRANS LLC** as to an **independent Natural Gas transmission operator**. Basically, this Decision represents a **confirmation** of the **Preliminary AERS Decision** which was adopted on August 15, 2019 and the same obligation is imposed to GASTRANS LLC, i.e. to submit certificates of occupancy or to register ownership rights over natural gas transmission system facilities and the evidence confirming that the company operates and manages the constructed transmission system independently 6 months since the beginning of operational work at the latest.

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The given AERS Council Decision has been adopted **in line** with the procedure and conditions prescribed by the **Energy Law** and the **Rulebook on Energy License and Certification** as well as with the conditions prescribed in the **AERS Decision** on the **Exemption of New Natural Gas Interconnection**. The Decision is published along with the Opinion of the Energy Community Secretariat in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia” and on the websites of the transmission system operator and of the Agency.

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AERS WORK ORGANISATION DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

In line with the **measures and regulations of the Government** of the Republic of Serbia aimed at maximum reduction of effects of Corona virus epidemia, the Council of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia has **adopted a Decision on Work Organisation** in the Agency during the state of emergency in the Republic of Serbia.

❑ AERS Measures taken to face COVID-19:

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- 10% decrease in consumption. No significant delay in operational work
- Crisis headquarter issue measures for health protection of all citizens including consumers, Government issued measures for domestic economy including energy sector
- Postponement in bill payment for the next 3 months, without calculation of interest
- Prolongation of deadlines in licensing procedure
- Emphasis is put on security of supply electricity and heat especially of special Covid-19 medical centers, hospitals and households

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APPROVAL TO EMS JSC TRANSMISSION NETWORK CODE

On the session held on **April 16, 2020**, the Council of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia has **adopted a decision** on the **approval to the Transmission Network Code** of the Joint Stock Company “Elektromreža Srbije” which regulates the relations between the transmission system operator and system users. The **grounds** for the Code was the **former version** of the Transmission Network Code which was supposed to be **harmonized with technical requirements from the European network codes for connection** and system operation under regular and emergency conditions, with binding **technical acts of ENTSO-E** (European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity) and with a **new concept of technical system management** of the TSO.

The Transmission Network Code will be **published** on the **website** of the Joint Stock Company “Elektromreža Srbije” and will **enter into force** on the **eighth day** upon the **publication** of the Agency Council decision in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”.

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APPROVAL OF GASTRANS D.O.O. NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION NETWORK CODE

On the session held on **15/05/2020**, the Council of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia has **adopted a Decision on the approval of Natural Gas Transmission Network Code of Gastrans d.o.o. Novi Sad** which regulates the **relations between the operator and users of the transmission system** which will **cross the territory of the Republic of Serbia and be connected with the Bulgarian and Hungarian national gas pipeline system**.

The new Code draft was submitted on April 13, 2020 to the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia for approval purposes. Prior to this, Gastrans d.o.o. published the Transmission Network Code for public hearing purposes and the hearing was held in the period between September 10 and October 10, 2019. Upon the completion of the public hearing, certain Code provisions were amended in order to have them harmonized with the Law, Final Exemption Act, EU Network Code provisions which were assumed to be complied with by Serbia as an Energy Community Contracting Party, as well as with comments submitted during the public hearing procedure.

The Code **regulates the rights and obligations** of the TSO and users in a manner **providing for a rational system development and its efficient use** as well as a **free access and equal treatment of system users**. The basic issues regulated by the Code include: transmission system access, capacity allocation on entry and exit points (for time horizons of up to one year), transmission system operation, maintenance and development, reporting and data collection. Gastrans d.o.o. is obliged to publish the Code on its website.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION: YUGOROSGAZ – TRANSPORT D.O.O. TRANSMISSION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2020-2029

On **27/05/2020**, the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia has **published public consultation on the YUGOROSGAZ – TRANSPORT d.o.o. Transmission System Development Plan for the period 2020-2029**, which was submitted by the natural gas transmission system operator YUGOROSGAZ – TRANSPORT d.o.o. The public consultation on this draft of the ten-year transmission system development plan is organized **until 19/06/2020**.

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In line with the Energy Law, the **TSO adopts a ten-year transmission system development plan every year and submits** it to the Agency for **approval** purposes. Within the approval award procedure, the **Agency organizes a public consultation on the Plan**.

Objections, proposals and suggestions are submitted within a template which is available on the website of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia along with the text of the ten-year transmission system development plan in the section Public Consultation - new.

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AERS COUNCIL: APPROVAL OF PLAN FOR TRANSFER OF METERING DEVICES WITHIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO “EPS DISTRIBUCIJA”

On the session held on **29/05/2020**, the Council of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia has **adopted a Decision on approval of Plan for Transfer of Metering Devices, Metering Switchboards**, i.e. Connection Lines, Installation and Equipment in Metering Switchboards and Other Devices in Customers', i.e. Producers' Facilities connected to Distribution System **for 2020**, which was adopted by the DSO “EPS Distribucija” d.o.o.

Energy Law prescribes that all the given devices should be owned by the DSO by the end of 2020 at the latest. “EPS Distribucija” d.o.o. will **inform** the Ministry of Mining and Energy and the Agency on the **transfer**.

The **transfer** of metering devices, metering switchboards and connection lines into the ownership of the DSO should **result in better maintenance, control and replacement** of them by **more modern equipment** in order to **increase the accuracy of metering and reduce electricity losses** within the distribution system which is in the interest of both final customers and of the DSO. In order to comply with their commitments, the DSO has given a review of activities on the transfer of metering points in the future within their plan which also imply sharing ⁸ timely and precise information of customers on this obligation.

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Thank you!

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